Executive Proclamation
State of South Dakota
Office of the Governor

Whereas, DeMolay was founded by Frank Land on March 18, 1919, in the Scottish Rite Temple in Kansas City, Missouri; and,

Whereas, A dream that one man and nine boys started grew in numbers and strength reaching South Dakota in 1920 when six chapters were founded; and,

Whereas, Ashley Chapter Order of DeMolay in Pierre, South Dakota, was founded on March 24, 1922, and is still active today; and,

Whereas, DeMolay is an organization dedicated to preparing young men to lead successful, happy, and productive lives, basing its approach on timeless principles and practical, hands-on experiences; and,

Whereas, DeMolay opens doors for young men aged 12 to 21 by developing the civic awareness, personal responsibility, and leadership skills and combines this serious mission with a fun approach that builds important bonds of friendship among members in more than 1,000 chapters worldwide:

Now, Therefore, I, M. Michael Rounds, Governor of the state of South Dakota, do hereby proclaim March 18, 2009, as

DEMOLAY DAY

in South Dakota.

In Witness Whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and caused to be affixed the Great Seal of the state of South Dakota, in Pierre, the Capital City, this Fourth Day of March in the Year of Our Lord, Two Thousand and Nine.

M. Michael Rounds, Governor

Attest:

Chris Nelson, Secretary of State